

ALPINE TROOPS.

Soldiers of Italy Who Maneuver Literally Above the Clouds.

William G. Fitz-Gerald writes of the Alpine soldiers of Italy: "All these soldier mountaineers are crack shots, and it is difficult to see how one of the forts held by them amid the great granite boulders and terrible pinnacles and spires of the Great St. Bernard could ever be forced by an enemy in the face of these troops, who would act as scouts, crawling up precipices and planting themselves on wild and seemingly inaccessible spots, whence they would pour an invisible fire which nothing could withstand. These Alpine troops when scouting or reconnoitering in the mountains use a curious kind of rifle rest, formed by three alpenstocks and one of the pillows they use at night when they sleep in the snow. For, strange as it may seem, these men when bivouacking at great altitudes do not trouble to put up tents, but merely dig out caverns in the vast snow-drifts and line these with waterproof sheets and blankets and there sleep amid dreary Alpine desolations as comfortably as though they were down on earth in a comfortable city bed.

"The life of the men is magnificently healthy and exhilarating, as may be seen by the bright eyes, rosy cheeks and clear complexions of a party of scouts that come glissading like lightning down the slopes of frozen snow on their long curving skis, guided and supported by the alpenstock. The troops also carry arctic sledges for the transport of their wounded, and sometimes realistic demonstrations are given, when one or several men will lie at full length on these sledges and be dragged or glissaded over glacier and snowfield."

Of Sunday in the Swiss Alps: "It is a fact that these troops maneuver literally above the clouds, and there is no more impressive spectacle than a Sunday morning service in some little icy recess at 9,000 or 10,000 feet, when the chaplain of the regiment mounts into a rude portable pulpit and discourses to the assembled soldiers who are shivering in their furs even though it be July or August. The members of the band play the hymns, which reverberate through the awful desolations of glacier and snow peak."—Chicago News.

QUEER COINCIDENCES.

Andrew Lang Tells About a Clock and a Letter.

Here is a real curious coincidence, reported to me by a trustworthy friend. My friend paid a visit, with a companion, also known to me, to a lady. On the chimney-piece of the drawing room was a black marble clock, not going, and near it a small round clock in working order. Suddenly a child of the lady of the house, standing on the hearth rug, said, "Mother, the big clock" (the black marble clock) "is ticking." "Impossible," said his mother. "It has not ticked for many a month. I broke the pendulum myself." Every one present then examined the marble clock, which was ticking away steadily, and the coincidence was that it had taken up the time correctly and was in accord with the small clock beside it. No one had touched the black marble clock.

Of this coincidence I can only offer the explanation which must already have occurred to every reader. Somebody in the house must have got the clock mender to mend the marble clock without informing the lady of the house. The clock must have been set to the right time, and neither the lady nor her visitors happened to notice its ticking till it was observed by the child on the hearth rug. If this view be disproved, then there was a genuine miracle—a clock going, or ticking at all events, with a broken pendulum. Such is the weakness of human testimony that my friend does not tell me whether the big clock's hands were moving or whether it only ticked.

I know nothing analogous to a clock that ticked without going except a queer story of a letter, which is vouched for by the signatures of the persons who wrote the narrative and who stuck to it when cross-examined orally. They were a brother and sister, living together. One evening a letter came to their house directed to their care, but addressed to a third person, who did not live with them. The sister placed the letter on the chimney-piece, meaning to put on the proper address. Presently the letter began to tick like a watch and kept on ticking. The brother came in and heard the ticking. They examined the letter, could find no explanation and next morning carried the strange epistle to the person for whom it was meant. The letter proved to be extremely important, though the envelope was not marked "Immediate," like envelopes containing advertisements. Apparently the letter, like all matter, according to Haeckel, was not destitute of consciousness and knew that it was in a hurry. Of course, the black marble clock may on these principles have had not only consciousness, but conscience, and said to itself: "Let me fulfill the purpose of my being. Go I cannot without a pendulum, but tick I can and will." None the less the normal explanation seems the better.—Andrew Lang in Illustrated London News.

SLOUCHED HATS.

They Once Caused a Riot With Great Loss of Life in Spain.

Has not some one calculated that a sixth part of the memoirs of St. Simon in the original is occupied with the controversy whether or not the president of parliament should wear his hat or put it on the desk when performing various functions? At length the matter was compromised. The Tiers-etat should wear a chapeau rabattu, which had the slouched brim pinned up. This childish quarrel was remembered, no doubt, when the states general met and the king hanged them. His speech over, he put on his hat, and the nobles did likewise, according to their privilege. The commons had no such claim, but they also clapped on their chapeaux rabattus, amid fierce protests from the nobles. The revolution might have begun that day with a scrimmage in the king's presence had he not removed his own hat, when all, of course, did the same.

But slouched hats had already caused a riot in Spain, which lasted so long and cost so many lives that it might almost be termed a civil war. This was twenty years earlier. Charles III. thought them untidy. He thought the streets of his capital untidy also and denounced both eyesores in an edict. Every Spaniard henceforth must pin up his flopping brim, and every household of Madrid must clean the street opposite his premises. Forthwith the people rose. They were little interested comparatively in the street cleaning, but they would die for their hats. And a good many of them did, but not unavenged. More than a week the fray lasted, but it was thought remarkable by foreign observers that at 2 p. m. regularly the soldiers piled arms, the furious citizens withdrew and silence reigned for one hour. Both parties were enjoying the siesta except perhaps the wounded. After that interval they recommenced. The king fled, and for the rest of his life he never returned to Madrid willingly. In fact, it was understood he designed to make Seville the capital henceforth and only gave up the project when his ministers showed him what a vast sum he had already spent on the new palace. So mighty may be the influence of the hat in state affairs. Finally the king compromised. He withdrew his edict so far as the realm at large was concerned. Within the walls of Madrid every man must wear his brim pinned up, but outside he was at liberty to let it slouch. But the police courts did not cease to be busy until the fashion changed.—St. James' Gazette.

The "Race of the Zoophytes."

Much of the superstition in poetry, says Andrew Wilson in the London Graphic, is due to the imperfections of science. Crabbe, for example, wrote of the Zoophytes that he styled "a race, which science, doubting, knows not where to place." In Crabbe's day at Aliborough he became familiar with the "sea flowers" with which the sea wrack was often mixed. To him they represented singular growths that were neither animal nor vegetable. Yet even in Crabbe's day the zoophytes were known to represent colonies of animals growing in the strange verisimilitude of plants. At the very least the poet committed no vital error, for he knew the race "involved in sea wrack" was a living one, and he duly commented on the difficulty of science placing it in any category of satisfactory kind.

The Straightest Line.

The strangest thing in nature or art is a ray of light when passing through a medium of uniform density; hence the eye is enabled to test the straightness of an edge or tube by holding it as nearly as possible coincident with a ray of light, such parts as depart from straightness then intercepting the ray and causing a shade to be cast upon other parts. It is not known at what early period in the history of mankind the discovery was made that straightness could be thus determined. It is certain that thousands of mechanics use the method daily without being able to give a rational explanation of it. This primitive mode of testing straightness, on account of its great convenience and accuracy, is likely to continue in use to the end of the world.

"Pin Money."

Pins were unknown at the beginning of the sixteenth century. Poor people used a sort of wooden skewer, while the rich used silver, bone or boxwood. When pins first came into use they were so expensive that only fashionable people could indulge in them, and they were given as New Year gifts and greatly appreciated. It became customary at last for husbands to give their wives the money to buy them instead, and so the term "pin money" meaning an allowance for small personal expenses, arose.

A Natural Question.

The young hopeful had just returned from the Sunday school and his mother was busy catechizing him on the afternoon's lesson. "You know, mother," he exclaimed, "I don't believe Solomon was as rich as they make out."

"But, darling," expostulated the fond parent in pious horror, "you know what the Bible says?"

"Yes, I know it says 'Solomon slept with his fathers.' If he were so rich, why didn't he have a bed to himself?"

FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

COCOANUT WARE.

Pretty Ornaments That Can Be Made Out of the Shells.

The next time you buy a coconut instead of throwing away the hard shell let it be the nucleus of a set of coconut ware, for the ugly, hairy shell may be converted into a beautifully carved vase, drinking cup or flower holder if you follow the directions given below.

The first operation consists of scraping off all the growing fiber from the outside with a piece of broken glass. Be sure to work in the same direction in which the strands run.

After this outer coating is cleared away go carefully over the same surface with your knife until it is symmetrical. Then rub the surface to a perfect smoothness with a piece of sandpaper, wiping away all superfluous dust. Rub beeswax or a candle end over the surface and into the nut with the hands and a piece of old silk (do not use woolly cloth). Continued application results in a fine mahogany colored polish, leaving the nut hard and very smooth.

Saw off the top of the thick end. You must use your own judgment as to



SAMPLES OF COCOANUT WARE.

how much is to be removed, as that will depend upon what you intend to make—vase, drinking cup or flower holder. Each shape must govern the amount to be taken off.

The sharp edge of the bowl must be cut off inside and in and then sandpapered and polished with the beeswax. Cut out the contents of the nut and sandpaper the interior; and at last you are ready to display your skill as a wood, or rather, nut carver.

Take the end of a needle or the end of a compass leg and sketch out your design on the polished outside surface, or, if you are not expert with a pencil, cut from some old magazine an outline picture which pleases you and paste it on the nut in the position you wish your decoration to be. Now take a sharp knife and cut through this picture into the nut, following the outlines of the picture.

As your lines are bound to be more or less wobbly on account of the round surface you have to work on, select some design suggestive of Indian work, as the Aztec style of decoration, as shown in the drawing. This does not require any very great art and is very effective.

When you have cut your design out, you may beautify it still more by painting the parts in low relief with white, or, what is better, gold, paint, and the cup is finished except for the holder, which you may obtain for a few cents from any carpenter who owns a wood turning lathe.

A set of half a dozen such pieces of coconut ware will more than repay for the work required in making it by the attention it will attract as a beautiful and unique curiosity.

"Program" and "Programme."

Our boys and girls have noticed, of course, that the dropping of the "me" from the word "programme" is becoming more and more general. This is not so much in obedience to the demands of the so-called "phonetic reform" as it is a move toward uniformity in spelling words that have the termination "gram." The word comes regularly from the Greek "programma," and really should be "programme," but the advocates of the shorter form say that if we write "telegram," "epigram," etc., we might as well write "program," especially as the final "me" is not sounded. But you should not fall into the incorrect pronunciation that many people are guilty of and say "pro-gram." The accent is on the first syllable of course, but the "gram" is distinctly sounded like "am."—Exchange.

When a young man is in love it usually breaks out in a quarrel with his father.

A Cat Story.

This is a true cat story. A certain cat, much petted and adored, is believed to understand language, he having repeatedly acted upon what was said to him, but he did far more and better. He obeyed literally. The man of the house is a great hunter. He loves to shoulder his gun and bring down small game, and one morning when he was setting forth for sport his wife called out, "If you will bring home a rabbit I will make a pie." The cat sat by, but said nothing. A few hours after, while the wife was busy with her sewing, the cat appeared by her side carrying a rabbit in his mouth, and then, dropping the "game" beside his mistress, began to sing and purr like a tin kettle on the fire. Nothing will convince the friends of this wonderful cat that he doesn't understand all that is said in his presence, and they are now really afraid to mention a want, as the dear fellow will think he must immediately gratify it, like another Marquis of Carabas.—Boston Herald.

An Extraordinary Woman.

Dr. Abernethy, the famous Scotch surgeon, was a man of few words, but once he met his match in a woman. She called at his office in Edinburgh one day and showed a hand badly inflamed and swollen, when the following dialogue, opened by the doctor, took place:

"Burns?"

"Bruise?"

"Poultice?"

The next day the woman called again, and the dialogue was as follows:

"Better?"

"Worse."

"More poultice?"

Two days later the woman made another call, and this conversation occurred:

"Better?"

"Well, Fair?"

"Nothing," exclaimed the doctor. "Most sensible woman I ever met."

A Phonetic Verdict.

In Mitchell versus Conn, 106 Ky. 602, the jury rendered the following verdict: "Wee the jury agree and find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment and sess his fined at 100 dollars, Issa Clause." On objection to this as no verdict the court said: "We think it expresses, though only phonetically, the intention of the jury so that no one could be mistaken in regard to it. The ruling was evidently based on Lewis Carroll's maxim, 'Take care of the sounds and the sense will take care of itself.'—Law Notes.

Conundrums.

In what corner should our friendship be kept? In violet cyano-blue.

Why is India ink like a cunning Hot-tent? Because it is a deep black.

There is a well known word in the English language, the two first letters of which signify a male, the three first a female, the four first a great man and the whole a great woman. He, her, hero, heroine.

Marie's Accident.

"Now tell me why you cry, Marie." "I've had an accident," sobbed she.

"Where are your bruises? Dearest me! What was your accident, Marie?"

"I almost tumbled down," she said. "And very nearly bumped my head!"

—Doris Hart Stone in St. Nicholas.

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Probate Notice

Notices hereby given that the following accounts and vouchers have been filed in the Probate Court of Hocking County, Ohio, for first and final settlement: Annand Buchanan, administrator of the estate of Lucretia Clegg, deceased, and the same will come on for hearing on the 17th day of April A. D. 1906 at 10 o'clock a. m., or soon thereafter as may be convenient.

F. P. MARTIN, Probate Judge.

March 22, '06.

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Order of Sale.

By virtue of an alias order of the Probate Court of Hocking County, Ohio, I will offer for sale at public auction on the

28th Day of April, 1906,

at one o'clock of said day, on the premises below described, in Baltimore, Township, Hocking County, Ohio, the following described real estate, situate in said county and within the township of Baltimore (to-wit): Being the east half of the South-west quarter of section thirteen of said township, county and state and containing (so eighty-five acres more or less.

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EDMOND P. SMITH,
Administrator of the estate of Henry W. Smith, deceased.

Allen H. McElroy and O. W. H. Wright,
Attorneys for Administrator.

March 22, '06.

Probate Notice

Notices hereby given that the following accounts and vouchers have been filed in the Probate Court of Hocking County, Ohio, for second and final settlement: John C. Anderson, guardian of the estate of A. Todd, minor, and Rachel M. Todd, minors, and the same will come on for hearing on the 17th day of April A. D. 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., or soon thereafter as may be convenient.

F. P. MARTIN, Probate Judge.

March 22, '06.

Legal Notice.

William Kitts Miller, Thomas Kitts Miller, Amelia Dent and Frank Kitts Miller who reside at Lawiston, Nez Perce county, Idaho, will call the attention of the Probate Court within and for the county of Hocking and State of Ohio, to the fact that the personal estate of said deceased is sufficient to pay his debts and the charges of administration as set forth in the following real estate situate in said county and state and in the Village of Logan, and known and described as follows: To-wit: Being in lot Number eight hundred and thirty-four of the city of Logan, Ohio, as they are consecutively numbered. That said deceased died leaving no widow entitled to the estate of said deceased as follows: The prayer of said petition is for a sale of said premises, free of dower, for the payment of the debts and charges aforesaid. The persons first above mentioned will further take notice that they have been made parties defendant to said petition and that they are required to answer the same on or before the 28th day of May A. D. 1906.

MYRTLE GANO,
Administratrix as aforesaid.

March 12, 1906. 6w

Legal Notice.

Michael Shannon whose residence is unknown will take notice that E. W. Shannon, Administrator of the estate of Mary Shannon, deceased, on the 27th day of February 1906, filed his petition in the Probate Court within and for the county of Hocking and State of Ohio, alleging that the personal estate of said deceased is sufficient to pay her debts and the charges of administration her estate that she died seized in fee simple of the following described real estate situate in said county, to-wit: Being in the North-east corner of Section three, 1/2 of the subdivision of Section twenty-eight, 28, Star Township, to which point a staked line is located in diameter, bears north eleven and one-half (11 1/2) degrees east nine and one-half (9 1/2) feet distance a white oak tree (12) inches in diameter bears north seven and seven (7) degrees east seven (7) feet two (2) inches; thence south eleven hundred and sixty (160) feet to a red oak tree (12) inches in diameter; thence north seven (7) degrees west three (3) feet and one-half (1 1/2) inches; thence east seven (7) feet two (2) inches; thence south eleven hundred and sixty (160) feet to the east line of the H. & A. T. Ry. Co. right of way line being thirty (30) feet east of the center of said right of way north sixteen and one-half (16 1/2) degrees west three (3) feet and one-half (1 1/2) inches; thence west two hundred and thirty-nine (239) feet thence north four (4) degrees west two hundred and thirty-seven (237) feet to the north line of said Lot Number three (3), thence east with said line of said Lot Number three (3) one hundred and twenty-four (124) feet to the place of beginning, containing twenty-seven (27) and three-fourths (3/4) acres, 27 3/4 acres. That Michael Shannon, as widow of said deceased, is entitled to recover in said premises. The prayer of said petition is for the assignment of dower to said Michael Shannon, for a sale of said premises, subject to such dower estate, for the payment of the debts and charges aforesaid.

The person first above mentioned will further take notice that he has been made a party defendant to said petition and that he is required to answer the same on or before the 17th day of April A. D. 1906.

E. W. SANNER,
Administratrix as aforesaid.

Feb. 22, 1906. 6w

Notice to Teachers.

The Board of School Examiners of Hocking County will meet at the School Building in Logan, Ohio, at 2:30 p. m., on the first Saturday evening next, for the purpose of examining applicants for Teacher's Elementary Certificates, and on the first Saturday of September, December, March and June for the examination of applicants for Teacher's High School and Second Certificates. Examinations for pupils desiring to enter high schools will be held on the Third Saturday of April and the Second Saturday of May.

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